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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover One (1) month Extension of Time;
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